

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1        1.     A lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch,  
2 comprising:

3        (a)   a crossbar having first and second ends and a  
4 longitudinal center;

5        (b)   a mounting bar perpendicularly attached to the  
6 longitudinal center of said crossbar;

7        (c)   a lamp assembly disposed on each of said first and  
8 second ends of said crossbar; and

9        (d)   a wiring harness in electrical communication with each  
10 of said lamp assemblies.

1        2.     The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch  
2 according to claim 1, further comprising an accessory mounting  
3 post attached to said mounting bar, the post extending  
4 perpendicular to a plane in which said crossbar and said  
5 mounting bar are disposed.

1        3.     The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch  
2 according to claim 2, further comprising a lighting and safety  
3 accessory disposed on said accessory mounting post.

1           4.     The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch  
2 according to claim 2, further comprising an elevated lighting  
3 assembly having:

4           (a) a lighting assembly post having lower and upper ends,  
5 the lower end of said lighting accessory post being removably  
6 mounted to said accessory mounting post;

7           (b) an accessory crossbar having first and second ends and  
8 a longitudinal center, said accessory crossbar being  
9 perpendicularly disposed on the upper end of said lighting  
10 accessory post; and

11           (c) a lamp assembly disposed on each of said first and  
12 second ends of said accessory crossbar.

1           5.     The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch  
2 according to claim 2, further comprising a strobe assembly  
3 having:

4           (a) a strobe support post having lower and upper ends, said  
5 lower end of said strobe support post being removably mounted to  
6 said accessory mounting post; and

7           (b) a strobe light disposed on said upper end of said  
8 strobe support post.

1        6.     The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch  
2 according to claim 1, further comprising a tow hook attached to  
3 said mounting bar.

1        7.     The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch  
2 according to claim 1, wherein each said lamp assembly further  
3 comprises:

4            (a) a mounting bracket; and

5            (b) a lamp pivotally mounted to said mounting bracket such  
6 that the lamp may be horizontally and vertically redirected.

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1        8.     The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch  
2 according to claim 1, further comprising at least one reflector  
3 disposed on said cross bar.

1        9.     The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch  
2 according to claim 8, wherein said at least one reflector consists  
3 of a single strip of reflective tape extending substantially  
4 between the ends of said cross bar.